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"AEROSPACE HOUSING AND SHAFT
ASSEMBLY WITH NONCONTACTING
SEAL"

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent
application, please enter the following amendments to the claims:

18. (Amended) A method of producing a seal assembly having
a seal ring, comprising the steps of:

mounting the seal ring on a holder;

A
positioning the seal ring in alignment with a media
blaster;

B
rotating the holder;

forcing media from the media blaster, toward the seal
ring, and into contact with selected locations on the seal ring
to thereby form hydropads at [the] selected locations [with] on
the seal ring; and

mounting the seal ring in the seal assembly.

Cancel claims 19 - 22.

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24. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 18 [22], further comprising the step of stopping the media blaster after a predetermined time from said [starting] forcing step.

REMARKS

The undersigned attorney is available for a telephone consultation at any time.

Respectfully submitted,



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